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# CALIFORNIA COMEBACK PLAN

## SUPPORTING THE AAPI COMMUNITY

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- **Doubling down on protecting AAPI communities against hate crimes**
  - **Supporting small businesses with the largest state tax cut in history, along with \$4 billion in small business relief grants**
  - **Improving California's health care systems by expanding language access services and providing Medi-Cal to all Californians 50+**
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California's recovery is underway, with the state reopened after achieving the most vaccinations in the entire country, and now we're [leading the nation's economic recovery](#). But we still have a long way to go and can't be satisfied with just returning to the way things were. **Governor Newsom's \$100 billion California Comeback Plan is the comprehensive strategy needed to address the state's most persistent challenges and ensure California comes back from this pandemic stronger than before.**

California is proud to be home to one-third of the nation's Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. However, the pandemic has put a magnifying glass to longstanding issues of economic justice, health equity, and personal safety faced by the AAPI community. To protect the community from xenophobia, Governor Newsom's Comeback Plan invests **\$100 million in community-based responses to violence.**

Many of the 600,000 AAPI-owned businesses in California will benefit from Governor Newsom's **\$4 billion for COVID-19 small business relief grants** and **\$6.2 billion tax cut**. Governor Newsom's expansion of Golden State Stimulus — the **biggest state tax rebate in American history** — will also provide many **middle class Asian American families with a stimulus check of \$600 or more**. California isn't going back, the state is roaring forward with targeted investments in public safety, economic opportunity, higher education and small business tax relief.

In addition to these targeted intervention strategies, the California Comeback Plan has one overarching goal – hit fast forward on our state's recovery by directly confronting California's most pressing challenges:

- **Providing Immediate Relief for Those Hardest Hit by COVID-19**
- **Confronting the Homelessness & Housing Affordability Crisis**
- **Transforming Public Schools as Gateways for Opportunity**
- **Building Infrastructure for the Next Century**
- **Combating Wildfires & Tackling Climate Change**

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## KEY ACTIONS FOR SUPPORTING AAPI CALIFORNIANS

### BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FOR AAPI CALIFORNIANS

- **\$10 million for UC Riverside research and language support** for a survey of AAPI Californians.
- **\$10 million for ethnic media outreach grants via the California State Library**, in consultation with the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs.
- **\$100 million to expand Victims of Crime Act Services** with \$100 million over multiple years for survivors of violence, specifically aiding those affected by domestic violence.
- **\$100 million to invest in community-based responses to** expand the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program.
- **\$110 million for a multi-year grant program to support services for victims and survivors of hate crimes and their families** and facilitate hate crime prevention measures in consultation with the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs.
- **\$10 million for ethnic media outreach grants via the California State Library**, in consultation with the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, to support public awareness efforts of services for victims and survivors of hate crimes and their families.
- **\$10 million for the Asian American Studies Department at San Francisco State University** to support efforts related to stopping AAPI hate.
- **\$10 million the Anti Bias Education Grant Program** to prevent, address, and eliminate racism and bias in all California public schools, and make all public schools inclusive and supportive of all people.
- **\$5 million to support a peer social media network project** for children and youth, with an emphasis on K-12 students who have experienced bullying, or who are at risk of bullying, based on race, ethnicity, language, or country of origin, or perceived race, ethnicity, or county of origin.

### IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR AAPI CALIFORNIANS

- **Golden State Stimulus Expansion** — the biggest state tax rebate in American history, with 2 out of every 3 Californians eligible to receive a stimulus check, including additional stimulus payments for undocumented families.
- **Largest statewide renter assistance program in the country, and support for overdue utility bills.** \$5.2 billion to help low-income renters cover 100% of back rent in the largest statewide renter assistance program in the country, plus \$2 billion to cover past-due utility bills.
- **\$500 million to retrain workers** who were displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic critically needed opportunities to go back to school.
- **Fines and fees debt forgiveness.** \$300 million to eliminate debt owed on existing fines and fees for traffic and non-traffic infraction tickets issued between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2021.

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- **Supporting parents with 200,000 subsidized child care slots**, the largest increase of its kind in California history.

## TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

- **Universal transitional kindergarten by 2025.** \$2.7 billion to expand TK access to all four-year-olds, regardless of race or immigration status by 2025.
- **Transforming the youth behavioral health system.** \$4.4 billion over five years to transform the youth behavioral health system to identify and treat behavioral health needs early.
- **\$3 billion to convert thousands of school sites into full-service community schools** to add wraparound mental health, social, and family services to create the kind of complete campus every parent would want for their child.
- **Free summer and after-school programs.** \$1 billion to provide free summer and after-school programs at all schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students by 2025 (growing to \$5 billion for the 2025-26 school year).
- **\$3.3 billion to match well-prepared teachers with the most vulnerable students**, including \$500 million for grants to teachers who commit to teach at high-need schools and \$250 million for incentives to attract National Board Certified teachers to high-poverty schools.
- **\$1.9 billion to create college savings accounts for students enrolled in K-12 public schools**, including a \$500 base deposit for students from low-income families, English learners and foster youth, and a \$500 supplemental deposit for foster and homeless youth to save for college or start their own business.

## DOUBLING DOWN ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Requiring high schools to certify that all seniors complete the FAFSA or CADAA application**, thereby expanding access to federal and state financial aid.
- **Improving graduation rates and closing equity gaps** — The Budget sets the stage for Governor Newsom's intent to establish multi-year agreements with UC, CSU and CCCs which will set ambitious goals for improving graduation rates and eliminating equity gaps.
- **Up to \$2 billion to support student housing projects** at the UC, CSU and CCCs, which will add units to existing housing stock and drive down the rising cost of student housing.
- **\$500 million to establish a Learning-Aligned Employment program at the UC, CSU, and CCCs**, which will provide underrepresented students with demonstrated financial need with work experience and industry connections in their intended fields.
- **\$146 million to create the Californians For All College Service Program**, providing 6,250 part-time service opportunities for college students. Participants will receive a stipend of up to \$7,000 and a scholarship of up to \$3,000.
- **\$115M for the CCCs for Open Educational Resources (OER)**, which will help address the rising cost of textbooks. This builds on the \$15M proposed in the Governor's January Budget.

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- **\$41 million to increase support for equity-focused programs at the CCCs**, including Umoja, MESA, Puente, EOPs, and transfer pathways to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- **\$22.5 million to increase support for Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships programs** at UC campuses.
- **\$15 million to support vocational training and ESL programs in libraries.**
- **\$5.8 million to support Dreamer Resources Liaisons** for immigrant students at community colleges.

## INVESTING IN AAPI BUSINESSES AND WORKERS

- **More than \$4 billion for small businesses, including \$35 million for the California Dream Fund**, which will provide micro-grants of up to \$10,000 seed entrepreneurship and small business creation in underserved small business groups that are facing opportunity gaps, including communities of color, immigrant Californians, and Californians that speak limited English.
- **\$600 million for a community economic resilience fund**, which will support regional specific economic transition strategies and to bolster job-creating industries in key sectors of regions most affected by that state's transition to carbon neutrality.
- **\$200 million for additional training opportunities for home care workers**
- **\$185M for youth employment opportunities**, to be allocated or awarded to cities or counties for the purpose of expanding youth volunteer, service, and job opportunities. This includes a 1:1 match for local workforce development funding.
- **\$100M to fund additional High Road Training Partnerships and High Road Construction Career opportunities**, which will up-skill the current workforce while creating pathways for new hires. This includes the \$25 million proposed in the Governor's January Budget. Many of these programs will target industries hardest hit in the pandemic.
- **\$65M to support training opportunities** for new and incumbent workers and address skills gaps in economically disadvantaged regions. Further, these resources will allow the Employment Training Panel to provide training resources to industries it traditionally has not addressed, including health care, information technology and advanced manufacturing, as well as training targeted toward public sector jobs. Includes **\$15 million** to align and operate programs with the community college system, in partnership with the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce program.

## IMPROVING HEALTH EQUITY GOALS FOR AAPI CALIFORNIANS

- **Expand Medi-Cal to all eligible Californians, 50 years and older**, regardless of immigration status.
- **\$16.3 million to add community health workers** — skilled health educators who support beneficiaries with cultural and/or language barriers — as a covered service in Medi-Cal beginning January 1, 2022.

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- **Adding doula services** as services covered under Medi-Cal starting January 1, 2022.
- **\$50 million to create new Graduate Medical Education Programs at the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development**, expanding diversity and access to health education systems.
- **\$20 million to improve language access services.** Offering culturally competent and linguistically diverse services across California's Health and Human Services programs.

## ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASING HOMEOWNERSHIP

- **\$12 billion over two years to tackle the homelessness crisis**, helping tens of thousands of people get off the streets or avoid homelessness altogether.
- **\$100 million to promote affordable homeownership**, \$100 million to expand the state's First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program, with a focus on lower income households to help address the wealth gap.

## BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE FUTURE

- **\$6 billion to increase broadband infrastructure, access, and affordability**, a critical step to bringing communities together and improving educational outcomes.